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Letter dated 24 April 2001 from the Permanent Representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I refer to the statement made in the report of the Panel of Experts on Sierra Leone Diamonds and Arms, appointed pursuant to Security Council resolution 1306 (2000), concerning the presence of Libyan nationals in Liberia for the purpose of training non-Liberian nationals for deployment in territory controlled by the Revolutionary United Front in Sierra Leone (S/2000/1195 [, para. 184]).

The Libyan Arab Jamahiriya denies that any Libyan nationals are present in Liberia for the purpose of training any of the elements there, and it affirms that the statement made in the report is totally inconsistent with the efforts the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya is making to bring peace to West Africa in particular and to the African continent in general.

The Libyan Arab Jamahiriya stands ready, at all times and in all forums, to strive for peaceful solutions to disputes and conflicts among its African brothers, to unite their efforts to solve the problems confronting the continent and to utilize all of its capacities in the service of Africa's peoples. The allegations made in the report in question thus have no explanation other than that they are intended to disparage the positive role Libya is playing in the African arena, which is one that seeks to achieve stability and promote development in all parts of the African continent.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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